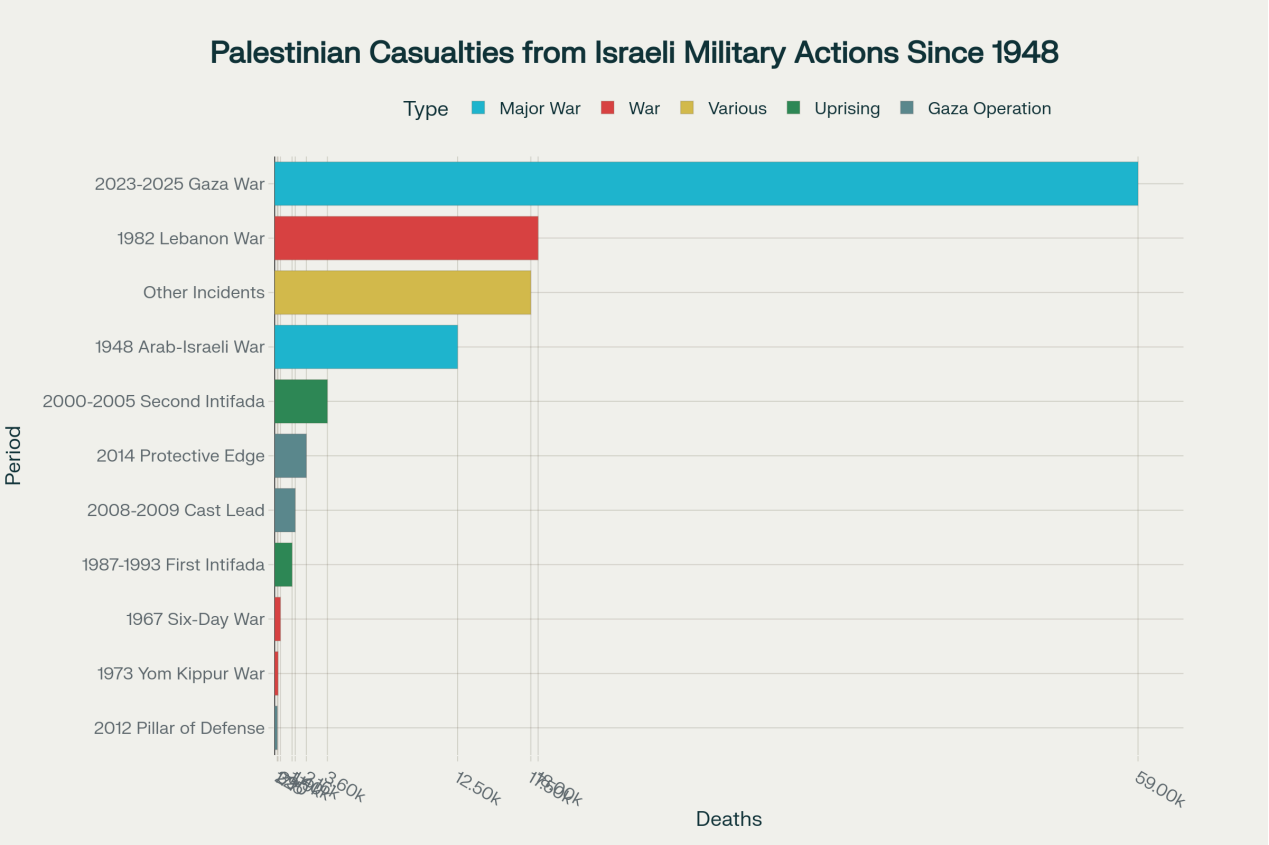
Palestinian Casualties from Israeli Military Actions Since 1948

Based on comprehensive research across multiple conflicts, wars, and military operations, **between 105,000 and 127,000 Palestinians have been killed** due to Israeli military actions since the establishment of Israel in 1948.[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

Summary of Major Casualty Periods

The Palestinian death toll spans 77 years of conflict and includes casualties from major wars, uprisings, targeted military operations, and ongoing violence:

Period	Estimated Deaths	Key Details
1948 Arab-Israeli War	10,000-15,000	Includes the Nakba (catastrophe) with mass displacement[7] [8]
2023-2025 Gaza War	55,000-63,000+	Ongoing conflict with highest single-period death toll[9] [10] [11]
1982 Lebanon War	17,000-19,000	Includes Palestinian and Lebanese civilians[12] [13] [14]
2000-2005 Second Intifada	3,200-4,000	Sustained uprising with suicide bombings and military responses[3] [15]
2014 Operation Protective Edge	2,104-2,220	50-day Gaza operation[16] [5]
2008-2009 Operation Cast Lead	1,383-1,417	22-day Gaza operation[4] [6] [17]
1987-1993 First Intifada	1,087-1,284	Stone-throwing uprising met with lethal force[2] [18]



Palestinian casualties by conflict and military operation since Israel's establishment in 1948

Breakdown by Conflict Type

Major Wars and Prolonged Conflicts account for approximately 69,000-83,000 deaths, representing the bulk of Palestinian casualties. The **current Gaza War (2023-2025)** alone has resulted in more deaths than all previous Gaza operations combined.[10] [19] [20]

Gaza Military Operations since 2008 have killed an estimated 58,000-67,000 Palestinians across four major campaigns:

- Cast Lead (2008-2009): 1,383-1,417 deaths[4] [6]
- Pillar of Defense (2012): 167-174 deaths[21] [22]
- Protective Edge (2014): 2,104-2,220 deaths[5] [16]
- Current Gaza War (2023-2025): 55,000+ deaths[9] [11] [23]

Civilian Casualties

The majority of Palestinian deaths have been **civilians, including women and children**. Key civilian casualty figures include:

- **1948 War**: Estimated 80-90% civilian casualties during the Nakba[7] [8]
- **First Intifada**: 241-332 children killed among 1,087+ total deaths[2]
- **Second Intifada**: Approximately 70-80% civilian casualties[3]
- **Cast Lead (2008-2009)**: 83% civilians, including 355 children[6]

- **Protective Edge (2014)**: 70% civilians, including 495 children[5] [16]
- **Current Gaza War**: An estimated 18,000 children killed among 55,000+ total deaths[10] [19]

Methodology and Data Sources

These figures are compiled from multiple sources including the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, UN agencies, Israeli and Palestinian human rights organizations like B'Tselem, international organizations such as Human Rights Watch, and academic research. The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics reported that since 1948, approximately **134,000 Palestinians and Arabs have been killed both inside and outside Palestine**.[1] [2] [3] [15] [19] [21] [24]

The estimates account for:

- **Direct casualties** from military operations, airstrikes, and armed confrontations
- **Civilian deaths** during displacement and ethnic cleansing campaigns
- **Children and women** specifically targeted or killed in military operations
- **Long-term impacts** including deaths from medical complications due to restricted access to healthcare

While exact numbers remain disputed due to the ongoing nature of the conflict and varying methodologies, the range of **105,000-127,000 Palestinian deaths** represents a conservative estimate based on documented casualties from major conflicts and military operations since Israel's establishment in 1948.

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